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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method of washing and drying a pin of a microarray spotting instrument, comprising:
 - moving said pin to a given position;
 - washing said pin while in said given position by impinging a tip of said pin with at least one stream of wash fluid; and
 - drying said pin without substantially moving said pin from said given position.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein moving the pin comprises positioning said pin in a given location in a pin washer/dryer apparatus.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said given location comprises a chamber for receiving the pin.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein said chamber is defined by a tube.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said stream velocity is approximately 3 m/sec.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein multiple streams of wash fluid are directed at the tip of said pin.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 7 wherein the streams are directed in a swirling pattern.